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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6859**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 257

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 31, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Commission for Higher Education.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Kruse

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that a full-time employee of a state public or private college or university (except for one faculty member) may not be a member of the Commission for Higher Education.

The bill allows a member of the Commission to attend a meeting of the Commission by means of a communication device if a quorum of members is physically in attendance at the meeting.

The bill repeals a provision exempting state educational institution capital projects that are approved by the General Assembly from review by the Commission, and makes corresponding changes to related sections.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The provision not allowing a full-time employee of a state public or private college or university (except for one faculty member) to be a member of the Commission for Higher Education should have no fiscal impact. Current law does not allow any employee (except for one faculty member) to be a member of the Commission.

Allowing a member to attend a meeting of the Commission by means of a communication device could have some minor fiscal impact depending on the device used. The communication method must permit simultaneous communication between the member and all Commission members participating in the meeting and the general public present at the meeting.

The repeal of the exemption of review of state educational institution capital projects from Commission review may delay the approval process of capital projects, but the delay and additional cost is probably

minor. Under current law, approval by the Commission is required if requested by the Budget Agency or the Budget Committee.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State educational institutions, Commission for Higher Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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